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### **Editorial Review**

#### **Review**

Steven Eppinger and Tyson Browning have synthesized more than two decades of research into an amazing resource for designers and managers of complex systems. The book lays a foundation with a clear and concise tutorial of the Design Structure Matrix method. The authors then bring the tool to life with applications as diverse as software, aircraft engines, and facilities design.

(Karl Ulrich, Vice Dean of Innovation, CIBC Professor of Entrepreneurship and e-Commerce, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)

At last, there is *one* book on the design structure matrix method and its applications that addresses the entire spectrum of product architecture, organization design, and process optimization. The rich, real world examples are based on years of research and are excellent resources for mastering the DSM method. Every engineering leader will benefit from the concepts in this book.

(Xinjun Qui, John Deere Power Systems)

As an industrial practitioner of DSM methods since 1995, I have seen how powerful these models can be for visualization and management of complex engineering challenges. Steven Eppinger and Tyson Browning have compiled more than twenty years of DSM experience to create the definitive body of DSM knowledge. I strongly recommend this book.

(H. Mike Stowe, Senior Process Engineer, The Boeing Company; Leader, DSM Industry Special Interest Group (SIG))

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